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## Council Deals with Many Major And Minor Issues at Last Meeting

by Diane Oberg

Much of the attention at the February 14 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council focused on county and state government as the city's school board representative sought council support for restoring education funds cut by the governor. Other concerns were state and county legislation that would, among other things, permit the removal of signs illegally placed along state highways; allow counties and cities to impose a fee on stores using disposable plastic bags; and require apartments and condominiums to provide recycling services for their residents.

Council also agreed to explore participating in a program to disperse medications from a federal stockpile in case of an epidemic or other emergency.

### School Cuts

Greenbelt's representative on the Prince George's County Board of Education, (and Greenbelt resident) Peggy Higgins, updated council on the school's budget for Fiscal Year 2012, which starts July 1. The school system faces a \$155 million budget gap between identified needs and expected revenue.

School Superintendent William R. Hite, Jr. has proposed cuts of \$70 million, she said,

including freezing staff pay (both cost of living and step increases), increasing employee and retiree contributions to health insurance costs by 5 percent, cutting 250 non-teaching positions previously funded by federal stimulus funds, furloughing executive-level staff for three days and many other steps.

Higgins sought council's support for restoring \$20.8 million in state funds the governor has proposed eliminating to balance the state budget. She noted that when the school board's budget is adopted, the county will not yet know how much in state funds they will receive. If the funds are received, she said, the school board could maintain current class sizes.

Without those funds, however, class sizes would increase. Higgins said the school board was scheduled to vote on the budget on February 24 but that action could be delayed. In any case, she said, the school board must adopt the budget no later than February 28.

Council unanimously adopted the motion by Councilmember Leta Mach to send a letter to Governor Martin O'Malley, asking him to consider restoring the \$20.8 million in state aid to

Prince George's County schools and suggesting he consider other sources of revenue, such as increasing taxes on liquor.

Mach accepted Mayor Judith Davis' suggestion to incorporate a request that the funds be used only for school-based purposes rather than to offset central-office reductions.

### Medical Readiness

Greenbelt's Community Resource Advocate Christal Batey briefed council on the county health department's "Closed Point of Dispensing Initiative." This program, she said, was designed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide the capability of dispersing medications from the federal stockpile within 24 hours in case of an emergency.

The state and county governments would then be responsible for getting the medications to the city. Greenbelt would be responsible for identifying distribution sites and providing staffing. The county health department would provide training and supplies, as well as training on developing a Medical Reserve Corps.

Depending upon the situation, Batey said, medications could be dispersed either through a "push method" or a "pull method." Push would involve pushing the medications out to the community, for example by mailing them; the pull method would pull people into a location to receive medications or immunizations.

The Medical Reserve Corps would include both medical and

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### Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan Meeting

A community meeting and information gathering session on the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan and sectional map amendment will be held on Wednesday, March 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. by the City of Greenbelt and the Prince George's County Planning Department in the Greenbelt Community Center Multi-purpose Room.

Residents and business owners of Greenbelt are invited to share thoughts and ideas about the Greenbelt Metro Station Area, Greenbelt West and Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Chad Williams, M-NCPPC program manager, at 301-952-3171 or visit [www.pgplanning.org/Greenbelt.htm](http://www.pgplanning.org/Greenbelt.htm).

Prior to the meeting there will be an open house from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

### Black History Month

## Carol Malveaux Is Officer Of Local and State NAACP

by Altoria Bell Ross

Carol Malveaux stands for justice, equality and compassion. The Windsor Green resident is first vice president of the local chapter and state membership chair of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"If anybody says there's no need [for the NAACP]," she said. "They're not knowledgeable. They're not keeping up."

Keeping up has kept the 25-year county resident busy. Malveaux said the local office situated in Largo handles between 20 to 25 calls daily concerning discrimination, along with other concerns. She added hate crimes and groups are growing as well.

"We are an information source to help educate the community about their rights." Malveaux said people who are being discriminated against often don't know how to file a complaint. "We are an avenue."

The 102-year-old civil rights organization boasts a membership



PHOTO BY ALTORIA BELL ROSS

Carol Malveaux

roll in Maryland of more than 10,000 not counting college chapters and youth units. The state also hosts 22 chapters. Seventeen committees address matters such as legal redress, economic development, voter empowerment, profiling, housing, health, criminal justice, political action and education. "We are fighting for justice and equality for all

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### Black History Month

## Trina Coore's Passion Is Wellbeing of All Children

by Lavinia Rachal

Greenbelt resident Trina Coore may at first appear a little fatigued, as she deals with a chronic illness that sometimes saps her strength. But after one conversation with the Franklin Park resident, it's clear that nothing will decrease her deep-seated passion for the wellbeing and success of all of the children of Greenbelt, including her own.

Until January, Coore was the secretary of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club but had to resign due to her health problems. She says the time she spent as secretary was important because the club helps "nurture kids' athletic capabilities." She says under the direction of Anthony Davis, "they went out there and they sought kids who were disadvantaged."

Coore says the club is also important in its role to, "Give the kids something else to do besides hanging out in the neighborhood." Her 10-year old son is still a member.

Although Coore battles illness every day, she rallies her strength to stay as involved in kids' lives as possible. She's Springhill Lake Elementary School PTA vice president and secretary, is treasurer of Prince George's County Head Start Policy Council and chairperson of the Springhill Lake site.

As a parent dedicated to improving children's lives, she has her own ideas about Black History Month. She feels that a

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## Use of Red Light Cameras Declared Successful Here

Based on a number of safety factors the City of Greenbelt Red Light Camera Program was first implemented in 2002. Since it began the program has resulted in nearly 50,000 citations.

While over the years the number of citations per year has declined, the police believe the program continues to be a successful deterrent to violations. There was a steady decline in the number of violators between 2002-2006, with the average number per year now at about 4,000. This leveling off on the low end can be considered a good indicator that vehicle operators are complying with the law by stopping for red lights. Due to the number of cameras that were out of service for much of 2010, last year could not be factored into this comparison.

At the program's inception in 2002 the program cited nearly 10,000 violators. This decrease in violations shows the program is an effective public safety tool.

Most of the city's red light violations occurred at northbound Kenilworth Avenue at southbound I-95 (812), with westbound Greenbelt Road at Cherrywood Lane (670) and northbound Kenilworth Avenue at northbound

I-95 seeing the second and third highest level of violations.

As of December 31 a total of four digital red light cameras remained in operation. Three others had been taken out of service.

The currently active camera sites at the end of 2010 were eastbound Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road, westbound Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road and westbound Greenbelt Road at Cherrywood Lane.

The camera sites that were out of service at the end of the year were eastbound Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway, northbound Kenilworth Avenue at I-95 north and northbound Kenilworth Avenue at I-95 south.

The camera at Greenbelt Road at Hanover Pkwy was deactivated in January 2008 by the State Highway Administration for reconstruction of the intersection and has not been reactivated.

Both cameras located at northbound Kenilworth Avenue at I-95 were deactivated in June 2010 by the State Highway Administration because of ongoing road construction and bridge repair. Although these cameras captured the greatest number of violators, they are not expected to be put back in service until fall 2011.

### What Goes On

**Saturday, February 26**

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and the Community Center

**Monday, February 28**

**8 p.m.**, City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

**Tuesday, March 1**

**7 p.m.**, Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

**Wednesday, March 2**

**7 p.m.**, M-NCPPC Public Forum – Greenbelt West Sector Plan, Community Center

**Thursday, March 3**

**7:30 p.m.**, Council Worksession with GEAC (stakeholder), Greenbriar Terrace Room



A Warning

Attempted Fraud Blocked by Lucky Typo

by Sue Krofchik

I never thought it would happen to me. I'm careful. I shred all financial and personal papers, even extra return address labels and anything with my name on it. Then it happened. Attempted fraudulent use of my credit card information. I learned a lot in a two-day span and hope this experience helps protect you.

It was a quiet Saturday evening in the recliner, cat in my lap, newspaper in hand and some program on the television. At 7:26 p.m. my landline phone rang. It was from 1-800 "unavailable." I picked up the receiver and put it back down.

At 7:32 p.m. my cell phone rang (because I had not answered the landline six minutes earlier). Kathryn, claiming to be from USAA Mastercard, was calling to say a hold had been placed on my credit card because of possible fraudulent use. "What do you mean, what are you talking about?" I asked. She would not give me any information until I gave her my phone password.

Aha, I thought, and then said, "Wait a minute. You called me. You have that information. You tell me my password and I'll tell you if you're correct." She would not tell me anything until she could confirm I was the account holder.

This was a Catch-22 situation. So then I asked, "How do I know you're not a crook?" She said I could call the 1-800 number on the back of my credit card and ask for the fraud division, staffed 24/7.

Both of us were adamant about our stubborn positions. Finally I gave her a previous

password. Then when she told me that was incorrect, I felt this call was legitimate.

The Crime

Thirty minutes earlier, at 7:09 p.m., someone tried to charge \$140.27 at the Target store in Laurel but the charge was rejected because the security code was incorrect. Kathryn asked if it was I using my card. "No. I'm holding it here in my hand and I have only one card."

She said that didn't matter, that they (crooks) have a way to make cards. My card was immediately cancelled and previous charges all confirmed as accurate.

I then called the Laurel Target and spoke with a security officer, giving him the time and amount of the transaction. About a half hour later he confirmed it was on the security tape. I told him I would come in the next day.

Sunday afternoon an Anne Arundel County (AAC) police officer met me and the security guard at Target. For security purposes only police can view tapes. (Viewing the tape would allow a person to figure out where cameras are located.)

I was given a copy of the picture of the crook, however, which had been taken at "2/12/2011 7:12:12 p.m.," six minutes after the attempted fraud, when he was in a different location.

He is a 17-to-20-something-year-old, wearing jeans, sweatshirt, parka and dark knit cap. His face is burned in my memory.

The security guard told police and me that he happened to be near the register at the time of this incident. The crook wanted to "load \$100 onto a gift card and buy a pair of Sony earphones," the guard said. When the card was rejected by the computer, the young man inserted it three more times before leaving empty-handed. The guard thought something was amiss but had no evidence at the time.

I told the police officer my card had been out of my sight only once, two weeks earlier, at a Greenbelt restaurant. She asked if I charge gas outside at the pump. Yes.

Gas Pump Reader

She explained there is a thin, plastic card called a "reader," which a crook will slide into the credit card slot on an outside gas pump and leave, returning for it in a few hours.

By this time the reader will have recorded credit information for all cards used there in

the interim. This information is then typed into a card-making machine and, presto, out comes a plastic card with someone's credit card information. The crook then either goes shopping or sells it. Such readers are used in banks and are illegally sold by accomplices.

Readers are not too obvious but if a person looks closely inside a credit card slot, something might not look right. Readers are thin enough that they can also be held in the palm and slid over a credit card tape when not in the owner's hand to capture information.

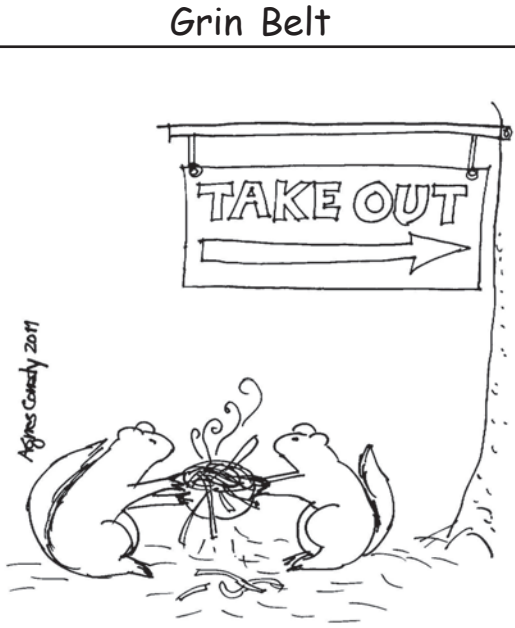
This crime was referred by the police officer to AAC detectives who specialize in money fraud. I was lucky. The crook who stole my credit card information had a typo in the security code when making the fraudulent card. Now when I buy gas, I go inside to swipe my card. Maybe you will too.

Star Party to Be Held Saturday

Everyone is invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a star party Saturday evening, February 26 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the telescope in the observatory, several members will have set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 6:15 p.m. ASG hopes to have the observatory open, although this is dependent on possible weather-related mechanical problems.

Objects to be observed include planet Jupiter and its four Galilean moons. Several nice star clusters and nebulae may also be seen. ASG members will be available to answer questions and provide advice about getting started in this hobby.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.



"I think you misunderstood. I said I wanted something hot from the noodle café . . . ."

Free Mid-week Bird Walk at Artemesia

On Thursday, March 3 at 3 p.m. the Prince George's Audubon Society will lead a free bird walk on the paved Luther Goldman Birding Trail at Lake Artemesia, College Park and Berwyn Heights.

Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue, Berwyn Heights. All skill levels are welcome and binoculars are suggested.

Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

School Board Committee Meets

The Prince George's County School Board's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) & Finance, Audit and Budget (FAB) Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 5 p.m. at the Sasscer Administration Building board room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. The CIP & FAB Committee focuses on issues pertaining to renovation and new school construction and school system financial matters. The public may attend this meeting.

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Letters

Correction

Thank you for the beautiful article about my father. I wanted, however, to make one significant correction. The article mentioned that I live with my husband. That is incorrect. I live with my wife, Andrea, in Greenbelt; we're celebrating our anniversary March 9. We are so happy to be raising our two-year old son in this great community.

Corita K. Waters

Greenbelt Baseball

2011 Registration Dates

(Bring a copy of Child's Birth Certificate & Photo ID)

Saturday, Feb. 26

Registration will be held at the following locations and times:  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Greenbelt Youth Center  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Spring Hill Lake Youth Center

DRAFT DAY

Saturday, March 5, 2011

10:00 AM, First Year Players Draft (McDonald Field)  
(Bad Weather location Eleanor Roosevelt High School Gym)  
\*Major League Players Only\*

(Registration will also be available before the draft)  
Commissioner – Thomas Wimbish Phone: 443-827-0800  
Email: [GreenbeltBaseball.Commissioners@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltBaseball.Commissioners@gmail.com)  
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# Community Events

## New Members Sought By Mamas and Papas

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas is a fellowship and support group for parents of babies and children. The playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the playground opposite the Greenbelt library on Crescent Road. In winter and bad weather the playgroup moves inside to the Greenbelt Youth Center multi-purpose room. They plan field trips and clothing swaps and host seasonal clothing swaps at the Farmers Market. Some Mamas and Papas families also participate in an informal babysitting co-op. For more information email [jmekc@yahoo.com](mailto:jmekc@yahoo.com).

## Softball Players Seek New Teammates

Fresh from winning their division championship last year, the Greenbelters of the Baltimore Senior Softball League are seeking new teammates for this season. Those who're fit, game for friendly competition and 60 or older (55 for women), are asked to contact player-manager George Harrison and come to spring training at Greenbelt Youth Gym/Braden Field from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 3. Harrison can be reached at [gharrisonsr@verizon.net](mailto:gharrisonsr@verizon.net) or 301-538-3636. The season of 40-plus games, including playoffs, runs from April to September. For more information, see <http://www.baltimoreseiorsoftball.com/teampage/greenbelt/greenbelt.htm>. The team's motto: Play ball!

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

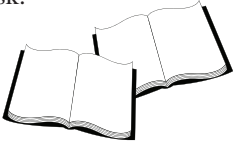
The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for February 28 to March 4: Monday – Apple juice, grilled chicken patty on a bun, green beans, tossed salad, fresh orange. Tuesday – Grape juice, meatballs with tomato sauce, spaghetti noodles, mixed vegetables, diced pears. Wednesday – Orange juice, ham with egg and cheese on a croissant, mixed fresh fruit with coconut, yogurt cup, granola bar. Thursday – Cranapple juice, barbecued chicken leg, chopped kale, Navy beans, peach cobbler. Friday – Minestrone, Cajun tilapia with tartar sauce, green beans, candied sweet potatoes, applesauce.

## Blood Drive Here Is Next Friday

On Friday, March 4 from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Donate blood to save a life. The blood drive is co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2200 to make an appointment.

## At the Library

**Black History Month**  
Monday, February 28, 7 p.m. a lecture, "Facing the Rising Sun, Dr. King and Africa," will be given by noted historian C.R. Gibbs.  
**Storytimes**  
On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.  
\* Wednesday, March 2, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.  
\* Thursday, March 3, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months, limit 15 children.  
\* Pick up free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.



**GHI Notes**  
Thursday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room  
Saturday, February 26, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room  
Monday, February 28, 7 p.m., Communicator Task Force – Board Room  
7 p.m., By-Laws Committee – GHI Lobby  
7 p.m., Web-Site Work Group – GHI Library  
Friday March 4, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)  
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## GAIL Disability Support Groups

On Wednesdays from March 2 through April 6, the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) will offer a weekly support group for people with disabilities. "Differently-abled Unite: Moving Toward a Brighter Tomorrow" meets from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Transitional Housing Meeting Room at Franklin Park Apartments, 6108 Breezewood Drive, #103. Call Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 to sign up. There is no cost for this program.

## Energy Training Is Offered by GEAC

The Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) will provide clean reusable energy training/learning sessions each Monday in February to inform Greenbelters how to reduce energy bills and the carbon footprint. Two sessions will be held each Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Windsor Green Conference Room, 7474 Frankfort Drive. The next session will be February 28 from 7 to 8 p.m. when Kristin Schultz of Clean Currents Wind Energy LLC talks about "Residential Wind Power for Your Home." The second, from 8 to 9 p.m. will feature Teris Pantazes of Seven Seas Energy LLC, whose topic will be "Wind Power for Your Home." For more information email Roody Rosales at [rrosales3@comcast.net](mailto:rrosales3@comcast.net), Joyce Gladstone at [joyce@joycegladstone.com](mailto:joyce@joycegladstone.com) or Gregory Lawson at [gema128@msn.com](mailto:gema128@msn.com).

## FONDCA Gets Youth Music Series Grant

The Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) have announced receipt of a second grant for this spring's Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series concerts in Roosevelt Center. This year will mark the third year for the series, which was named for Peterson, a New Deal and FONDCA supporter and volunteer who died in 2008. Her special enthusiasm was for music of all kinds and for programs that encouraged young people. The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region awarded a \$500 grant from its District 4 Fund for this project. FONDCA had received a grant in the fall from the Prince George's Arts Council to support the series, which brings music groups from local schools to perform for the public in Roosevelt Center. The two grants will permit FONDCA to give each performing group a stipend, to be used at the discretion of their music directors to support their activities.

**Groups Sought**  
This year the concerts will be held on Saturday afternoons on April 30 and May 21. Series organizers are actively looking for school music groups that would like to perform. Those interested in having a youth group perform are asked to contact Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192 or [simongava@yahoo.com](mailto:simongava@yahoo.com) or Terri Rutledge at 301-474-6673 or [terri362@verizon.net](mailto:terri362@verizon.net). In 2009 FONDCA was awarded the fourth annual Jim Cassels Service Award by the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket to support last year's youth music series.

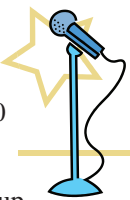


## Housing Focus Groups For Seniors, Disabled

In March, the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program will hold a series of focus groups on housing options and needs for seniors and disabled adults to obtain information on the types of housing, services and programs that should be included in the next wave of senior/disabled housing. GAIL needs input in helping shape the kinds of services wanted and needed by seniors and the disabled in Greenbelt. The focus groups will each be limited to 12 participants and will be held at the Community Center on March 9, 10 and 23. Those interested in participating are asked to call Christine Anchan now at 240-542-2031.

## New Deal Hosts Performing Kids

A Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café this Sunday, February 27 runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. On the third Sunday of every month, children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, recite a poem or otherwise perform. The session will be followed by a performance by BanjerDan playing songs for kids. For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email [annegrdrn@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrdrn@yahoo.com).



## Student Art Work

The many pieces of artwork currently displayed on the walls of the Community Center are by students of Greenbelt Middle School. Historic Greenbelt photos will return in March.

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm  
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.  
6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. **301-345-5111**

More Community Events  
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## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155  
ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.  
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50  
Children: \$6.00  
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ON SATURDAY \$5.00  
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50  
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## Week of FEB 25

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12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8  
Gnomeo & Juliet, G  
12:40, 2:40, 5:35, 7:45

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An Award-winning Classical Concert Violinist with piano accompaniment

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Friday & Saturday at 8:00  
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# Obituaries

## Maryam S. Firouzi

On February 10, 2011, Maryam Saniei Firouzi, age 94, died. She was born in Tabriz, Iran, on July 20, 1916. When the 1979 revolution occurred in Iran, her husband Reza Firouzi and son, Parvis Firouzi, were imprisoned and executed because they were members of the Bahá'í Faith and refused to recant their faith.

In 1985 in the midst of intense persecution of all members of the Bahá'í Faith she, along with her other son, Jamshid, widowed daughter-in-law Kianeah Mahlooji and two grandchildren escaped the country and found refuge in another country where they remained until she received permission from the United States government to transfer to this country.

In February 1986 she arrived in Greenbelt and had been a resident here since then, living in the home of her daughter and son-in-law.

A significant accomplishment for her was to study and learn to speak the English language. The Prince George's County Literacy Council assisted her by providing a loving and caring tutor, Cecilia Maloney. Upon completion of the class Mrs. Firouzi attended a special ceremony for students completing this study. She honored her teacher with an eloquent speech in English.

Her next accomplishment was successfully studying for and completing the requirements for the United States citizenship examination. With help of her granddaughter Dr. Nooshin Golshani and Mrs. Maloney on November 11, 1997, Mrs. Firouzi became a United States citizen.

Throughout the last 25 years she remained a devoted member of and participant in the Greenbelt Bahá'í community. She was elected to and served as a member of the Greenbelt Spiritual Assembly (the local Bahá'í governing body). Throughout these years she remained a staunch believer and participant in Bahá'í activities.

She is survived by her four children: Firoozeh Sturdivant of Greenbelt, Faegheh Naraghi of California, Faezeh Inayati of Argentina, Jamshid Firouzi of Greenbelt and three sons-in-law and one daughter-in-law. Ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a myriad of other relatives and loving friends also survive her.

Funeral services were held on February 13, 2011. She was interred at Parklawn Cemetery in Rockville.



## Ronald H. Wiseman

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 Sergeant at Arms Ronald H. Wiseman, a former Greenbelter, died on Saturday, February 19, 2011.

Mr. Wiseman was born on December 20, 1946, in West Lanham Hills. He joined the United States Army and served his country honorably. His bravery during the Vietnam War earned him a silver star. He was in the 173rd Airborne.

Mr. Wiseman is survived by his brother Gerald Wiseman of Edgewater, Fla., and many, many friends of Greenbelt.

There will be a viewing at Gasch's Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 2 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. with an American Legion service at 7 p.m. The funeral will be at Gasch's at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 3. Burial follows at 1 p.m. at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway in Cheltenham, followed by a celebration of life at Greenbelt Post 136.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Mr. Wiseman may make a donation to The American Legion Heroes to Hometown Program. To share a memory or offer condolences to Mr. Wiseman's family visit [www.gaschs.com](http://www.gaschs.com).



## March Programs At Patuxent Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center located on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Rte. 197. All programs are free, although donations are appreciated. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. For details visit [patuxent.fws.gov](http://patuxent.fws.gov).

Nature Tots: Tweet Tweet – Wednesday, March 2 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 3 and 4. Introduce preschoolers to the wonderful world of birds through song, stories and crafts in this interactive program.

Puppet Show: A Fox's Tale – Friday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for all ages. Discover the nighttime world of critters found at the refuge. The program is approximately 20 minutes. No registration is necessary.

Beavers: Makers of the Marsh – Saturday, March 5 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 8 through 10. Learn about nature's most famous builders and witness firsthand their role in wetland formation.

Winter Bird Walks – Wednesdays, March 2 and 9 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 16+. The North Tract, located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32, is offering the following programs:

Nature Hike – Sunday, March 6 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. for all ages. Join this naturalist-led hike through the forest to discover who or what is out and about as the days warm up.



Meeting at Greenbelt Community Center, 2nd Floor

Please come this Sunday  
WORSHIP AT 11:00

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

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6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
[berwynpresbyterian.net](http://berwynpresbyterian.net)

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Worship : 11:00 am  
Child Care Available  
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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10:00am

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Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



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February 27, 10 a.m.

"Lilies and Sparrows" by Rev. Diane Teichert with Tish Hall, worship associate and youth dancers Lillian Enoch, Mary Wester and Nirvana Lutchman. Congregational Town Meeting after the service.

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
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Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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10 a.m. main service  
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#### • Wednesdays

7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)



## Greenbelt Baptist Church

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Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School  
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service  
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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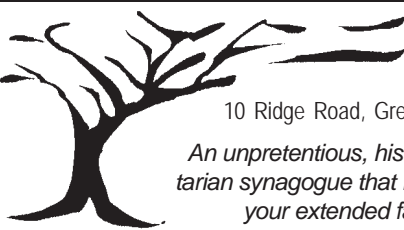
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of Greenbelt  
MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building





Condolences to the family and friends of William J. Goodall, Jr., 81, of College Park, who died February 12, 2011. He was a member of Greenbelt High School's class of 1948 and in recent years was the organizer of alumni brunch get-togethers at the Greenbelt American Legion post and the annual "Old Grizzlies" picnic. The "Grizzlies" were the high's school's sports teams throughout its existence from 1939 to 1951.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of American Legion Post 136 Sergeant at Arms and former resident Ronald H. Wiseman on February 19.

Our sympathy to Firoozeh Sturdivant and Jamshid Firouzi and other family members, Bahá'í community and friends on the death of Bahá'í activist Maryam Saniei Firouzi on February 10.

**Congratulations to:**  
- Greenbelt native, oceanographer David Bates, who was named as one of two civilian employees for the quarter at the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. NAVOCEANO, which provides oceanographic products and services to the Department of Defense, recognized Bates with the senior grade award for his many projects on oceanographic survey ship USNS Bowditch and developmental projects supplying fleet acoustic products, as well as his proactive engagement with the fleet air community.

- Ima and Don Davis of Greenbriar, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 28. Greenbelters since 1943, they have many friends in the Golden Age Club and the Community Church.

- Wesley Hilliard, who was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for students whose grade point average is 3.5 or above at Montana State University, in Bozeman, Montana. Wesley, the son of Lawrence and Leslie Hilliard, is a freshman majoring in biochemistry and a founding member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Montana State.

- Greenbelt photographer Ron E. Wilder, who is March artist of the month for the Friends of the Patuxent Wildlife Center. His nature and wildlife photography will be on display at the Visitors Center March 2 through 20.

Our best wishes to News Review staffer Mary Willis Clarke, who is recuperating from a badly broken ankle and surgery to repair it.

Welcome home to Helen Meloney, who spent several weeks in rehabilitation after surgery to repair a broken hip.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland



# Sarah Saviet Featured at Mishkan Torah

by Jordan Choper

Mishkan Torah Synagogue is holding a concert series this year called L'dor v'dor (from generation to generation) which showcases musicians who are either still children at Mishkan Torah or who are young adults who grew up in and around Mishkan Torah.

The first concert of this year's series, on Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m., will feature Sarah Saviet giving a violin concert with piano accompaniment.

Saviet is an award-winning violinist who, while in high school, was instructed in violin

performance at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore and for the last four years has been enrolled in the School of Music at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. Those who have heard Saviet perform feel sure that in the future her name will be as famous as Pearlman, Bell, Stern, Oistrake and Millstein. Saviet will perform works for violin and piano by Bach, Schumann, Chausson, Block (Nigun) and Ravel (Tzigane).

There is a fee for admission. (See ad on page 3.)

*Jordan Choper is a board member and former president pf Mishkan Torah.*



Sarah Saviet

# County Holds Budget Town Hall Meeting

On Monday, February 28 at 7 p.m. the Prince George's County Council will hold a Budget Town Hall Meeting in the Largo Student Center at Prince George's Community College (Community Room B, 301 Largo Road).

Council Chair Ingrid Turner says the council has pledged to make the budget process more open, inclusive and participatory and increase public understanding of the budget review process and role of the council in budget approval.

The meeting will feature a presentation on the budget review process, important budget calendar dates and will provide an opportunity to hear directly from citizens.



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2011 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- Assistant State's Attorney Renee Battle-Brooks

**Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

\* **Minutes of Council Meetings**

#### Administrative Reports

- \* - Work Session, January 12, 2011
- \* - Interview, February 14, 2011
- \* - Regular Meeting, February 14, 2011

### LEGISLATION-none

#### \* Committee Reports

**Board of Elections, Report #1-11**  
(Campaign Literature)

### LEGISLATION

**A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1067, a Resolution to Purchase Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)**  
**-1st Reading**

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Selection of Banking Services
- Recognition Group Request – Greenbelt Soccer Alliance
- State Legislation
- Other Reports
- \* 17. Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- \* 18. Resignations from Advisory Groups

### MEETINGS

**NOTE:** This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

FORM 502		MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN	
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING		THIS ENDING	
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Other First Name	Other Last Name	Other First Name	Other Last Name
Other's First Name	Other's Last Name	Other's First Name	Other's Last Name
Home Address (City, State, and Zip)			
City or Town		State	Zip Code
Number of county and incorporated cities, towns or special taxing areas in which you resided on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instructions 4.)		Married County	City, Town or Village or County
		GREENBELT	

### KEEP IT AT HOME!

When filling out your State Income Tax this year, please make sure to specify GREENBELT as your local government. This will assure that a portion of your taxes stays in Greenbelt.

### 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. For information call 301-474-8000.

### MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 4

**Monday, February 28 at 8pm, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING,** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

**Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00pm, GREENBELT ARTS ADVISORY BOARD,** at the Greenbelt Community Center., 15 Crescent Road. For additional information, please contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison at [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2057.

**Wednesday, March 2 at 7pm, M-NCPPC Public Forum – Greenbelt West Sector Plan at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.**

**Thursday, March 3rd at 7:30pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION with GEAC (stakeholder) at the Greenbriar Terrace Room.**

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

### DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers  
Saturday, February 26th  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. For information call 301-474-8000.

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## COUNCIL continued from page 1

nonmedical personnel. Nonmedical staff would be responsible for tasks such as handling registrations and paperwork. The CDC would determine when to use the Medical Reserve Corps and the dispersing sites.

Batey said the federal government can distribute medications from its stockpile to the state within 12 hours. The state would then push to the county, which would be responsible for dispersement. If Greenbelt joined this initiative, it would work under the direction of the county health department and the Medical Reserve Corps.

Batey said the city had so far only received an overview from the health department. If Greenbelt is interested in participating, the county would provide more information. Council unanimously approved a motion to support Greenbelt’s participation.

### 75th Anniversary

David Mills, co-chair of the 75th Anniversary Committee, briefed council on initial plans for the celebration. In Report #2-11, the committee sought council approval for \$3,500 from the \$7,000 budgeted. In addition to covering costs for the logo-contest prize and a luncheon last September with guests from sister city Greendale, Wisc., the funds would be used for the initial order of commemorative items, banners, stationery, advertising and miscellaneous expenses.

In Report #1-11, the committee reported on its initial planning. The committee has identified a number of ideas in a brainstorming session and is working with the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts, the Greenbelt Museum, the Greenbelt Concert Band and the Greenbelt theater.

Planned events include a kickoff as early as January or February 2012, a museum lecture series, a symposium on Sustaining Greenbelt’s Legacy in May 2012, a celebration weekend in June, a community picnic in August, a second celebration weekend in October and a closing ceremony in December. Nine subcommittees are in place, Mills said. Each will seek help, he added, including recreation department staff and acquaintances of committee members.

Although Mills said he understands that \$7,000 was budgeted for the anniversary, he does not expect further requests for funds beyond the \$3,500 now requested.

Council unanimously approved the request for funds and use of the councilmembers’ signatures on committee letterhead.

### Legislation

Council unanimously approved supporting County Bill 1-2011, which would clarify the language in a zoning bill passed last year regarding which actions by municipalities could be appealed to the District Council (the county council when acting on zoning matters). Last year’s bill had expanded appeal rights to actions over which municipalities had authority since 1997. The new bill would limit such appeals to

non-conforming use authority.

Council also agreed to support the following state legislation (votes were unanimous except where noted):

Senate Bill 111/House Bill 179, which would require owners or managers of apartments/condominiums with 10 or more units to provide recycling for residents by October 2015;

SB 176/HB167, which would establish a Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council to promote the use of electric vehicles;

HB 289/SB 410, which would enable Prince George’s County or any municipality therein to impose a fee on stores that use disposable plastic bags. The city council had sought this legislation as part of its 2011 legislative program.

HB 6 – which would permit counties and municipalities to remove and destroy political signs left along state highways if not removed within five days of an election. Approved on a 6-1 vote, although councilmembers recognized that if passed, it could be overturned on first-amendment grounds.

HB 289/SB 410 – would permit county and municipal governments to remove illegal signs along state highways and impose fines of up to \$25 per sign. Greenbelt currently has authority to remove these signs but cannot impose penalties. The city has supported similar legislation for three years, according to written comments by Assistant City Manager David Moran.

Council unanimously approved sending a letter to the county executive supporting his ethics reform efforts.

### Other Actions

Council unanimously approved a motion directing staff to issue a request for audit services for the Fiscal Year 2011 audit. The current firm has been auditing the city’s books for six years. The city manager said that the current firm has “performed satisfactorily.” He declined invitations to elaborate.

As part of its consent agenda (adopted without discussion), council referred to the Community Relations Advisory Board the issue of whether the city should commemorate the 10th anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

### Advisory Committees

Council accepted the resignations of Joyce Griffin from the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Leah Warner from the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Amityyah Hyman and C. Jenise Williamson from the Arts Advisory Board, and Anna Socrates from the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force.

Council also appointed Shane Wisdom and Sharmaine Koenig to the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force and David Whaples to the Board of Appeals and reappointed Coleen Chernikoff to the Employee Relations Board and Darrin Washington to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

## Winter Bird Walk In Bowie Next Sat.

The Prince George’s Audubon Society will host a free half-day bird walk on Saturday, March 5 at the Fran Uhler Natural Area. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the end of Lemon Bridge Road just north of Bowie State University. Walkers may also bird at the nearby WB&A trail. All skill levels are welcome. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Call 410-765-6482 for more information.

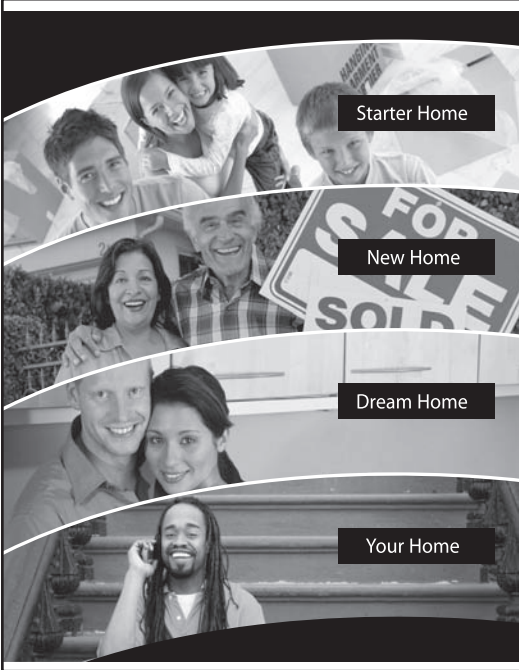
## National Gallery Holds Baroque Concert

The National Gallery of Art will offer a free concert on Sunday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Garden Court. Featured will be Red Priest performing Italian Baroque music for chamber orchestra. This event is presented in honor of the exhibit “Venice: Canaletto and His Rivals.”



## Asian New Year Exhibit Offered

Now through March 27 the U.S. National Arboretum will display “A New Year Stone Exhibit: Year of the Rabbit.” This special free viewing stone exhibit celebrates the transition from winter to spring that Asian cultures traditionally consider the beginning of a new year. See how many rabbits can be found among the stones. This exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum.



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### Robbery

February 11, 3:29 p.m., 7800 block Somerset Court, unknown people forced their way into a home, displayed a handgun and demanded property. No definitive description of the robbers is available.

February 16, 12:01 a.m., 6700 block Village Park Drive, six males entered a person's home, displayed handguns and stole the victim's property and a green 2000 Honda Accord with Maryland tags. No definitive description of the robbers is available.

### Attempted Carjacking

February 14, 12:00 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a person provided a ride to a man and a woman, who later attempted to take the vehicle from the person. The victim was able to flee. The suspects are described as a black male, 24 years old, 5'7" tall with a thin build, wearing a dark jacket and pants; and a black female, 23 years old, 5'4" tall, wearing a dark jacket over a white T-shirt.

### Trespass

February 8, 3:25 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was petitioned for trespassing on school grounds. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

### Unattended Child

February 16, 7:22 p.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with unattended child in a motor vehicle. She was released on citation pending trial.

### Vandalism

February 14, 10:10 p.m., 6200

block Springhill Court, a laundry room window was broken.

February 14, 10:30 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, an apartment window was broken.

February 16, 12:32 p.m., Roosevelt Center, several trees were cut down.

February 16, 3 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, an apartment window was broken.

### Burglary

February 11, 1:24 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, electronics were reported taken.

February 15, 1:57 p.m., 100 block Westway, an attempted burglary was reported.

February 15, 9:37 a.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, electronics were reported taken.

February 16, 7:34 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, it was reported that electronics were taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

An attempted theft of a vehicle was reported at Parkway.

February 17, 1:15 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident youth was petitioned for motor vehicle theft after taking a white 1995 Honda Accord with Md. tags. The youth was released to the Department of Juvenile Services.

Two other vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt and Metropolitan police. No arrests were made in either recovery.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (GPS); 9300 block Edmonston Road (tools); Greenway Center (rear Md. tag); and 7400 block

Greenway Center Drive (GPS, two iPads, laptop).

Vehicle windows were reported broken at 6100 block Breezewood Drive, (two incidents), 6000 block Springhill Drive and Beltway Plaza.

## Seniors Offered Free Movie

On Tuesday, March 8 at 11 a.m. the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly will show a free movie for seniors, "Old Dogs." Two best friends – one an unlucky-in-love divorcee and the other a fun-loving bachelor – have their lives turned upside down when they're unexpectedly charged with the care of seven-year-old twins. With help from a co-worker, they go from outdoor activities with the kids and a rough instructor to enduring a flamboyant children's entertainer. Eventually they learn the true meaning of life and family.

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## Upcoming Events at New Deal Café

On Thursday, February 24 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The weekly open microphone session from 7 to 9 p.m. will be hosted by the Songwriters Association of Washington. The Spanish Conversation Group holds its weekly sessions from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On Friday, February 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues notes (every Friday and Saturday). From 8 to 11 p.m. Long Time Coming will play mostly acoustic rock and roll.

Saturday, February 26 classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m. Greenbelter and jazz legend Buck Hill is on from 8 to 11 p.m. with his saxophone, vocalist Wendell Rakosky and the Not2Cool Jazz Trio.

Sunday, February 27 the weekly Sign Language Brunch Discussion group meets in the Café front room from 10:30 to noon, while Jim Stimson plays classical lute in the back room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The monthly kids' microphone session is from 1:30 to 2:30, followed by a special appearance from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. by Banjer Dan playing music for children.

### Next Week

Don Walters hosts the monthly Americana Music Night on Tuesday, March 1 from 7 to 9 p.m., showcasing Chatham Street singer-songwriter duo Pete and Christal Prout. Wednesday, March 2 from 7 to 9 p.m., the Reverie Jazz Trio will play jazz and blues standards from the 20s to the 40s. Weekly Open Microphone Night returns on Thursday, March 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. for music, prose, storytelling, poetry and comedy.


On Friday, March 4 from 8 to 11 p.m. the Ren Rick Band plays soulful, bluesy rocks-your-socks-off music with singer Ren Rick, a.k.a, Janis Joplin. On Saturday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the TV John Variety Show showcases guest songwriters Zac Quintana and Jeff Thorpe playing folk, Americana and acoustic music on guitar. From 8 to 11 p.m. the Starlight Shimmy professional and semi-professional belly dancers perform. (Sssh, it's Karim's Birthday.) Sunday night, March 6 Double Felix will play acoustic folk from 5 to 8 p.m.


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## MALVEAUX

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people,” she said.

The NAACP also conducts training on mobilizing people, informing citizens of their rights and making leaders. Of youth training she said, “We need them to be able to carry the torch.”

Malveaux, a Chicago native, and her husband Murray, married for 35 years, have led youth groups within and outside the NAACP. In fact, Malveaux said youth groups started the political forums in the county in the 1980s. She also has frequented schools teaching social skills to elementary through high school students and interview techniques to the Baltimore group, College for Kids, sponsored by the National Congress of Women.

Malveaux also has provided opportunities to help youth in HOPE, Help Our Progenies Excel, to become well rounded as well as trained. She also helped people find jobs as a board member with the former Combined Communities in Action once based at Capital Plaza Mall in Landover Hills. The United Black Fund also sponsored the project.

In Prince George’s County, Malveaux has worked with the fire and police advisory boards, graduated from Leadership of Prince George’s and chaired the county’s former Federal Emergency Management Agency office. In Greenbelt, Malveaux is co-chair for the 2012 Labor Day Festival Committee. “She has a strong love for humanity,” her husband said.

Malveaux’s foray into social and political awareness began with her mother, Katie Payne Levi, who was a community worker and advocate under the administration of the late Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daly. At 16, Malveaux was a part of a group of 20 teenagers called the Safari Girls who visited Monrovia, Liberia, to examine their African roots and seek understanding of their culture. On their way, the Safari Girls were hosted at the embassy in Paris by Sargent Shriver who gave each girl a bottle of perfume – Malveaux’s first. Despite the sweet scent of civic and social success, Malveaux also has experienced personal loss. She is a 9/11 Pentagon survivor.

On the morning of September 11, Malveaux was preparing to attend a meeting at the place where the nose of the plane found its resting place. Although not hurt at the time, she is combatting a disease contracted by breathing the fumes emitted by the crash. Undeterred, Malveaux, who at the time was given 18 to 24 months to live, keeps marching forward.

“There’s a purpose for me being here,” she said. “I’m not going to let that charge go. I’m on a mission from God.”

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month is not enough to educate children about the contributions of African Americans. “Why haven’t we integrated this within our curriculum, within our society as a whole,” she asks. “Why haven’t we incorporated the Frederick Douglasses, the Harriet Tubmans into the history lessons for our kids?”

To supplement what she may not glean from the school’s curriculum, Coore has begun to have her son read a book about black history and summarize it for her. His current favorite is one which features Charles Drew, the African American physician who was a pioneer in the research and development of blood preservation.

### Obstacles

Coore herself has managed to face and overcome obstacles that might have kept her from

achieving success. She grew up in the Barry Farms section of Southeast, D.C., which in the last few decades has been plagued by violence and poverty. But Coore says the influence of her blended family especially that of her stepfather’s mother, guided her to do more. She became the first in her immediate family to attend college. “I’m from Barry Farms. It didn’t make me. It didn’t break me.”

As the first female African American president of the student council of Montgomery College, Coore knows what it’s like to break racial barriers. She faced a critical decision during her tenure – whether to allow Louis Farrakhan to speak at the school. Coore decided it would not be a good idea. “If I let him speak, I’d have to open the door to

everybody. You have to be careful of who you let in the door. Though it was controversial, she has no regrets. “As a president I had to be fair to the student body as a whole and I definitely wasn’t going to have the KKK come in there.”

She went on to get an undergraduate degree and two masters degrees from Marymount University in Arlington, Va.

Her own obstacles are part of what motivates her to continue nurturing her own children and to be instrumental in nurturing the children of the community. “Kids don’t ask to be here. We bring them into this world. We need to take care of them.” She has her own goals for the kids of Greenbelt. “I want them to be leaders, to develop a sense of pride.”

## African American Foods at Riversdale

On Sunday, February 27 from noon to 3:30 p.m. there will be a free special seasonal program on 19th century traditional African American foods offered by the Riversdale Kitchen Guild.

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## Principal Leaving GMS Leaves Gap at School

*In a letter sent home with Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) students on February 11, Principal Sharon Porter announced she is leaving to care for her mother in North Carolina. The following is the text of the letter:*

Dear GMS Parents and Students,

Many of you know that I am originally from North Carolina and have been in Prince George’s County Public School System for over 15 years. I became the proud principal of Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) July 2010. What you may not know is that I have been traveling for the past five months to North Carolina on the weekends to be of assistance to my mother.

Due to the nature of this hardship, I have made the decision to resign from Prince George’s County Public Schools effective February 25, 2011. While I will miss the students, staff, parents and community of Greenbelt, I believe that this is the best decision for me and my family.

An acting principal will complete the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. The process for hiring a new principal for the upcoming school year will begin this spring.

I would like to personally thank you for your support. Greenbelt Middle is a better place because of your dedication and commitment. I know with the same support, the acting principal and next year’s newly hired principal can only continue to improve the educational program. Please continue to work with our faculty/staff and PTA in increasing student achievement at GMS.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sharon H. Porter, Principal

## Local Schools to Celebrate Black History Month

by Lavinia Rachal

Most Greenbelt public schools have found Black History Month to be an important way to explore African Americans’ contributions to the past, present and future.

Springhill Elementary will present an assembly on Monday, February 28. The students will re-enact the incident in which Rosa Parks would not give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus with the message, “Rosa sat so Martin could march. Martin marched so Barack could run and Barack ran so our children can soar.” There will also be a living museum, a dance performance and a musical tribute from the 40s to the present.

At Eleanor Roosevelt High School, members of the Black Student Association will be performing a student written and directed program about the Harlem Renaissance. The tribute will be performed in school on Thursday, March 3. Black Student Association sponsor and business teacher Karen Green says the president of the Black Student Association

wrote the piece because she “has an interest in the time period and wanted to entice the group.” Green says the era offers a key opportunity for performance because it encompasses everything, “poetry, dance, writing.”

Greenbelt Elementary has programs planned for almost every discipline. Music teacher Dara Case says, “My students are working on a jazz unit. Students in grades 5 and 6 are learning how the pieces (slavery, indentured servants, Jim Crow laws) start coming together in this one unique place, New Orleans.”

According to fourth grade teacher Stephanie Katz, “We are reading small biographies on African Americans and compiling them into a book. At the end of February students will pick their favorite and do a culminating at-home project about their person.”

First graders at Greenbelt will study Ruby Bridges, who, as a first grader herself, integrated New Orleans elementary schools.

## Volksmarchers’ Black History Month Walk

by Marjorie Gray

At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 19, my husband Jim and I left Vansville Community Center in Beltsville for an 11K Volksmarch celebrating African American History Month.

Signs with photos and historical notes were posted along the route.

The first sign marked the site of Muirkirk Furnace and Iron Company where Ben, Shadrach and Meshach Conway and many others had been employed in the early 1920s. We guessed that the Conway Street we walked on was named after their family. Next was the site of an early school, now American Legion Post 235.

Our checkpoint (where walk monitors stamped our registration cards) was at Abraham Hall, formerly Rebecca Lodge #6, Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, now a museum in the community of Rossville. One house built in the late 1800s also remains in use and was marked with a sign out front, as were sites of several other homes and Queens Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church.

A steady stream of walkers followed the route, with start-times ranging from 9 a.m. to 1



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**Located on Old Muirkirk Road, Abraham Hall served as a social hall, house of worship and school. The hall served the historic African American community of Rossville.**

p.m. Some opted for the 6K route. We were glad we did the 11K, however, although one loop through a new area off Cedarhurst was confusing according to the directions. Fighting the wind also made the walk seem more strenuous than usual. On the home stretch, smoke from what we later heard was a big fire near Laurel stung our eyes and made it uncomfortable to breathe.

Shortly after my husband and I were married and moved to

Greenbelt in 1998, we joined Freestate Happy Wanderers, not realizing there was also a Greenbelt American Volksmarch Association club. It doesn’t matter, however, which club sponsors the events or even if one is a member. All are welcome. We have enjoyed year-round walks as well as one-day events in many neighborhoods and look forward to many more in the months and years to come. Every walk is an adventure.

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